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Washington, DC 20231

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RULE 103 PETITION

The applicants Petition for Suspension of Action in the above for three months so that the applicants may consider further the comments of the Examiner's made in the Examiner interview of March 13, 2003. A response to the Office Action mailed October 8, 2002, is being filed concurrently such that a reply by the applicant to an Office Action is not outstanding. The requisite Rule 17(h) fee is attached.

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